

In the Claims

Please cancel claim 12 without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the original subject matter in a continuing application. Please amend claims 11, 20, 24, and 29, and add claims 39-41 as follows.

1. (Previously Presented) A cover and hinge assembly for covering a cable trough having a base and two sidewalls, the assembly comprising:
 - a cover plate having a pivot member along at least one edge;
 - a hinge member including first and second arms coupled by a middle member to form a U-shaped recess for receiving a sidewall of the trough between the first and second arms, the hinge member also defining a detent pocket, the pocket releasably holding the pivot member of the cover plate so that the cover plate may be rotated relative to the hinge member by rotation of the pivot member within the pocket.
2. (Original) The cover and hinge assembly of claim 1 wherein the cover plate defines at least one slot for receiving a portion of the hinge member.
3. (Original) The cover and hinge assembly of claim 1 wherein the pivot member is a rounded post and wherein the pocket is a rounded channel.
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Previously Presented) The cover and hinge assembly of claim 1 wherein an interior side of the first arm includes a retention tab having a ramped surface.
6. (Original) The cover and hinge assembly of claim 1 wherein the pivot member is a first pivot member and wherein the edge is a first edge, and wherein the cover plate includes a second pivot member along a second edge opposite the first edge;
 - wherein the assembly further comprises a second hinge member defining a pocket, the pocket releasably holding the second pivot member of the cover plate so that

the cover plate may be rotated relative to the second hinge member by rotation of the second pivot member within the pocket of the second hinge member.

7. (Original) The cover and hinge assembly of claim 6 wherein the cover plate defines a first slot for receiving a portion of the first hinge member and wherein the cover plate defines a second slot for receiving a portion of the second hinge member.

8. (Original) The cover and hinge assembly of claim 6 wherein the first and second pivot members are rounded posts and wherein the pockets of the first and second hinge members are rounded channels.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Original) The cover and hinge assembly of claim 6 wherein interior sides of the first arms of the first and second hinge members include a retention tab having a ramped surface.

11. **(Currently Amended)** A cover for covering a cable trough, the cover plate comprising:

a cover plate having first and second opposite edges,

a first pivot post disposed along the first edge of the cover plate and defining a first axis of rotation;

a second pivot post disposed along the second edge of the cover plate, the second pivot post being parallel to the first pivot post and defining a second different axis of rotation;

wherein the cover plate defines a plurality of slots ~~at least one slot~~ along each pivot post, the cover plate being configured to selectively pivot about each of the first and second axes of rotation.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Original) The cover of claim 11 wherein the cover plate defines a uniform cross-section except for the slots.

14. (Original) A hinge piece for hingedly mounting a cover plate with a pivot member to a cable trough, the hinge piece comprising:

first and second arms coupled by a middle member, the arms and middle member together forming a U-shaped recess for receiving a sidewall of the trough between the first and second arms; and

a detent pocket for releasably receiving the pivot member.

15. (Original) The hinge piece of claim 14 wherein the detent pocket includes first and second opposed extension members each having a retaining boss projecting toward an interior of the pocket.

16. (Original) The hinge piece of claim 15 wherein a push tab extends from the second extension member wherein by pushing the push tab the second extension member may be flexed away from the first extension member.

17. (Original) The hinge piece of claim 14 wherein an interior side of the second arm includes a retention tab having a ramped surface.

18. (Original) The hinge piece of claim 14 wherein one of the first and second arms defines an aperture and wherein the hinge piece further comprises a fastener disposed through the aperture for fastening the hinge piece to the sidewall of the trough.

19. (Previously Presented) A cable trough and cover assembly comprising:

a cable trough having a base and two sidewalls extending from the base;

a cover plate having a pivot member along at least one edge;

a hinge pedestal including an extending body having a first end and a second end, a base portion positioned at the second end of the extending body and secured to the base of the cable trough, and receiving structure positioned at the first end of the extending

body, the receiving structure defining a pocket, the pocket sized to releasably receive the pivot member of the cover plate so that the cover plate may be rotated relative to the trough by rotation of the pivot member within the pocket.

20. **(Currently Amended)** The cable trough and cover assembly of claim 19 wherein the pocket is a first pocket and wherein ~~the~~ the receiving structure includes a second pocket and wherein the cover plate is a first cover plate, and wherein the assembly includes a second cover plate having a pivot member along at least one edge, the second pocket sized to receive the pivot member of the second cover plate so that the second cover plate may be adjustably positioned at a plurality of angles relative to the trough by rotation of the pivot member of the second cover plate within the second pocket.

21. **(Original)** A cable trough assembly comprising:

a cable trough having a base and first and second sidewalls extending from the base;

first and second hinge pieces each defining a pocket and each having first and second arms coupled by a middle member, the arms and middle member together forming a U-shaped recess, the U-shaped recess of the first hinge piece receiving first sidewall, the U-shaped recess of the second hinge piece receiving the second sidewall;

first and second cover plates each having a pivot member along at least one edge, the pivot members of the cover plates being releasably received in the pockets of the first and second hinge pieces respectively so that the cover plates may be adjustably positioned at a plurality of angles relative to the sidewalls by rotation of the pivot members within the pockets of the hinge members.

22. **(Original)** The cable trough assembly of claim 21 further comprising a pedestal inserted between the sidewalls of the trough, the pedestal having a base portion secured to the base of the cable trough and an extending body extending away from the base portion, wherein the cover plates are supported by the extending body of the pedestal.

23. (Original) The cable trough assembly of claim 22 wherein the pedestal defines at least one pocket sized to receive one of the pivot members of the first and second cover plates, so that the cover plates may be releasably and hingedly received by the pockets of the hinge pieces or the pockets of the pedestal.

24. **(Currently Amended)** A hinge pedestal for mounting a cover plate with a pivot member to a cable trough, the hinge pedestal comprising:

a base selectively positionable within the cable trough;

an upstanding wall extending from the base, the upstanding wall defining at least one pocket sized to receive the pivot member of the cover plate so that the cover plate may be releasably received in the pocket and so that the cover plate may be rotated relative to the upstanding wall by rotation of the pivot member within the pocket.

25. (Original) The hinge pedestal of claim 24 wherein the upstanding wall defines two pockets.

26. (Original) The hinge pedestal of claim 24 further comprising an adhesive disposed on a bottom surface of the base.

27. (Original) A method of covering a cable trough having two sidewalls, the method comprising the steps of:

providing at least one hinge piece having a detent pocket and first and second arms coupled by a middle member, the arms and middle member together forming a U-shaped recess;

positioning the hinge piece so one of the sidewalls of the cable trough is received in the U-shaped recess;

providing a cover plate having a pivot member along at least one edge;

snapping the pivot member of the cover plate into the detent pocket of the hinge piece.

28. (Previously Presented) A cover and hinge assembly for covering a cable trough having a base and two sidewalls, the assembly comprising:

a cover plate having a first pivot member along a first edge and a second pivot member along a second edge opposite the first edge;

a first hinge member defining a first pocket, the first pocket releasably holding the first pivot member of the cover plate so that the cover plate may be rotated relative to the first hinge member by rotation of the first pivot member within the first pocket in a first direction; and

a second hinge member defining a second pocket, the second pocket releasably holding the second pivot member of the cover plate so that the cover plate may be rotated relative to the second hinge member by rotation of the second pivot member within the second pocket in a second opposite direction.

29. **(Currently Amended)** The cable trough and cover assembly of claim 19 wherein the base portion of the hinge pedestal is secured to the base of the cable trough at a central region located between the two sidewalls.

30. (Previously Presented) A cable trough and cover assembly, comprising:

a cable trough having a base and two sidewalls, each of the sidewalls having a top edge and an opposite bottom edge extending from the base, the top edges of the sidewalls defining a top opening of the cable trough;

a cover plate having a pivot member; and

a hinge member defining a detent pocket, the hinge member being selectively positioned along the top edge of the sidewall of the cable trough; the detent pocket releasably holding the pivot member of the cover plate so that the cover plate may be rotated relative to the hinge member by rotation of the pivot member within the detent pocket.

31. (Previously Presented) The cover and hinge assembly of claim 30 wherein the cover plate at least partially covers the top opening of the cable trough.

32. (Previously Presented) The cover and hinge assembly of claim 1 wherein the pivot member has a generally circular cross-section.
33. (Previously Presented) A cable trough and cover assembly comprising:
a cable trough having a base and two sidewalls extending from the base;
a first cover plate having a first pivot member along at least one edge;
a second cover plate having a second pivot member along at least one edge; and
a hinge pedestal having a base portion secured to the base of the cable trough and
an extending body extending away from the base portion, the extending body defining a
first pocket and a second pocket, each of the first and second pockets sized to releasably
receive the first and second pivot members of each of the first and second cover plates so
that the cover plates may be rotated relative to the trough by rotation of the respective
pivot member within the respective pocket.
34. (Previously Presented) A cable trough and cover assembly comprising:
a cable trough having a base and two sidewalls extending from the base;
a cover plate having a pivot member along at least one edge;
a hinge pedestal having a base portion secured to the base of the cable trough at a
central region located between the two sidewalls, and an extending body extending away
from the base portion, the extending body defining a pocket, the pocket sized to
releasably receive the pivot member of the cover plate so that the cover plate may be
rotated relative to the trough by rotation of the pivot member within the pocket.
35. (Previously Presented) A cover and hinge assembly for a cable trough,
comprising:
a cover plate having a pivot member along at least one edge, the cover plate being
configured to cover at least a portion of the cable trough;
a hinge member including first and second arms coupled by a middle member to
form a U-shaped recess for receiving a sidewall of the trough between the first and
second arms, the hinge member also defining a detent pocket, the pocket releasably

holding the pivot member of the cover plate so that the cover plate may be rotated relative to the hinge member by rotation of the pivot member within the pocket.

36. (Previously Presented) The cover and hinge assembly of claim 35 wherein the cover plate defines at least one slot for receiving a portion of the hinge member.

37. (Previously Presented) The cover and hinge assembly of claim 35 wherein the pivot member is a rounded post and wherein the pocket is a rounded channel.

38. (Previously Presented) The cover and hinge assembly of claim 35 wherein the pivot member has a generally circular cross-section.

39. (New) A hinge pedestal for mounting a cover plate with a pivot member to a cable trough, the hinge pedestal comprising:

- a base;

- an upstanding wall extending from the base, the upstanding wall defining two pockets sized to receive the pivot member of the cover plate so that the cover plate may be releasably received in one of the pockets and so that the cover plate may be rotated relative to the upstanding wall by rotation of the pivot member within the one pocket.

40. (New) A hinge pedestal for mounting a cover plate with a pivot member to a cable trough, the hinge pedestal comprising:

- a base;

- an adhesive disposed on a bottom surface of the base; and

- an upstanding wall extending from the base, the upstanding wall defining at least one pocket sized to receive the pivot member of the cover plate so that the cover plate may be releasably received in the pocket and so that the cover plate may be rotated relative to the upstanding wall by rotation of the pivot member within the pocket.

41. (New) A cover for covering a cable trough, the cover plate comprising:

- a cover plate having first and second opposite edges,

a first pivot post disposed along the first edge of the cover plate and defining a first axis of rotation;

a second pivot post disposed along the second edge of the cover plate, the second pivot post being parallel to the first pivot post and defining a second different axis of rotation;

wherein the cover plate defines at least one slot having closed ends positioned along each pivot post, the cover plate being configured to selectively pivot about each of the first and second axes of rotation.